

For these 1st 3 generations I need proof of birth - death & marriage - All lived - and owned property in Terre Haute - I think are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery

removed to Lot 24 of W 1/2 Sec. 3 Aug 30 1907
 Dec 10 or 59
 Lot #50
 Sec. 5-1/2

3 Frederique M. Guilkin
 B Feb 8 1871
 D Dec 22 1950

buried in San Antonio
 We have death certificate
 ✓ M. Wm. M. Ratcliffe Jan 3, 1895
 (Rec # 13-237)

Co. Bd. of Health
 C-3722

6 Marion M. Guilkin
 B 8/5-1841
 D 12/8/1920
 1/10/1866
 m. Jan 6, 1866
 (Rec # 3-465)
 buried at Highland Cemetery
 called at C-2108

12 W. M. Guilkin
 B 2/20/1816
 D 8/12/1876 bur. Woodlawn?
 M 9/27/1840
 (Rec # C-B 4)
 Mary Gene Smith

✓ Franklin M. Mayhew 1807-1892
 14 W. Mayhew 1772-1867
 B
 M

7 Rhoda Mayhew
 B 11/7/1844
 D 11/18/1921

15 Hannah Harrison
 B
 D
 M
 Richmond

B	47		94
D			
	48	a founder of masonic lodge in Terre Haute	95
24		<u>Samuel M. Guilkin</u>	96
B	1778		97
D	3/3/1849 bur. Woodlawn		98
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	50	<u>Abraham Chase</u>	103
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B		Samuel + Waitstill are grand parents	107
D		my husbands great-great	108
M			109
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28		<u>Peter Mayhew</u>	115
B	1751 in France		116
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B	1744		126
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M		<u>Jane Bailey</u>	
	61	1705-1753	
		1706-1802	
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31		<u>Marth Peck</u>	
B			
D			
	63		

Jonathan Harrison - Sec
 17657

Ans. Sept. 16
1.50
asked exactly
what is wanted.

also 245 648

Feb. 26 1965

Dear Mrs. Hyatt,

I sent for the little book compiled by the Indiana and Kentucky chapters of D. A. R., as I am quite interested in proving up my husbands line, which started in America with a "Chase" and several generations of his family lived in Indiana, at Terre Haute, but I do not find a Terre Haute chapter listed.

Many years ago my mother-in law had a letter from her first cousin urging her to join the D. A. R. and sent her her lineage papers and her D. A. R. number. What I need is proof of births and deaths and marriages of generations after their mutual grandparents. I do not know where this relative joined the D. A. R. but her name was Florence Briggs Walsh, and in the letter she speaks of a "Mercy Johnson" who was working on further information on their line. 219 112

I wonder if you know any geneologist who can help me with this information. I understand there will be a charge and I would like her to contact me before starting, to give me an idea of the cost. However they were all land owners and I believe it would not be too hard to research.

I will give you a chart, giving all I know, and if you know anyone who will do this they will have an idea of what is needed.

Our CHASE ancestor was Abraham Chase, of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. He was married to Elizabeth Bowne of Falmouth, Mass. Their daughter was Wairstill Mercy Chase who married Samuel McQuilken, at her home at Walnut Hills, near Cincinnati Ohio. They went west and started an inn where Terre Haute now is. He was a founder of the Terre Haute Masonic Lodge. His son William was part owner of the first wagon bridge over the Wabash, and had the first strip mine and Quarry. His son Marion married Rhoda Mahew, and their daughter was Evangeline McQuilken, my husband's mother. All this is in her letter, but no documentation. Samuel Plotted out McQuilken's ville, which was later Mack'sville and now is West Terre Haute. She also mentions a book on Early Settlers having been compiled. And also says all are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, except Rhoda and Marion, who are buried at Highland Lawn.

I hope some one can help me, as I do not know how to get these records, and will appreciate any help or advice you can give me.

sincerely

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Texas

Port + Seaman
219112 Abraham Chase L. Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard
9 Dec 1756
d. Cintra Ohio -- 1832

M. Eli Bourne ^{res.} b. ?
d. at Cintra
m. Nov 5, 1778

son. Eli Bourne Chase b. Jan 1790
d. 1870
m. Apr. 13, 1823

Reuben Newton b. July 20, 1781
d. Oct 21, 1849

son Mary Chase Newton

Also as put under Capt. Benj Smith of Mass Militia
Enl. Jan 18, 1776 & served until May 31, 1776.
Served at M^{rs} Vineyard. This was a co. raised to defend
the coast of the V. Upon req from Wash. in June 1776
a part of the men of this co. were detach for other service.
AC enl on the Brigantine "Rising Empire", commanded
by Capt. Richard Whelden. Enl June 25, 1776;
disch^d Sept 4, 1776

Ref - Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Vol. III p. 341
Banks Hist of Martha's V. Vol I p. 409
" " " " Vol III p. 76 given m. &
d. & name wife & place
of d.
Tisbury V. R. p. 24 b. of Abraham

Chil: Eunice Sept 2, 1782 ^{Valentin} m. Swift at Cintra
Valentin Jan. 19, 1784 - Unk
Abraham Oct 13, 1786 - "
* ~~Eli Bourne~~ Jan 1789 ^{Reuben Newton}
Wait-Still Mercy Jan 1795 ^{Sam'l McQuilkan}

Sarah Sept 1, 1797 - Unk
Patty or Patience Sept 24, 1801 "
Thomas Apr 14, 1800 "

Indiana's Greatest Heroine

Chase
Indy 2/10/49
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THE STORY of one of Indiana's great heroines begins in a little cottage near Barrington, Ill. A cold rain beat down from a lead gray sky as the old letter carrier sloshed past on his mud splattered roan mare. Watching from the door, young Mrs. Rhoda Chase couldn't hold back her sobs when she saw him ride past without stopping at her letter box. She saw him wave, and dimly heard him shout, "Sorry, Mrs. Chase. No letter today."

That's the way it had been now, day after day, for weeks—no letter from her husband, Sergt. Ira Joy Chase of Company 19, Illinois Volunteers, fighting somewhere in the vague Southland.

Still crying, she turned toward their infant son, who lay kicking in his crib. "I'm afraid," she said. "Yes, I'm afraid . . ." She couldn't finish what she was thinking. "Poor little baby," she gathered the child up in her arms. "There are so many casualties. So very many."

Ira Joy Chase had left his job as teacher of a school near their home and had been one of the first to enlist when President Lincoln called for volunteers. He had marched away, proudly wearing his sergeant's chevrons. She had been proud of him, too; proud and brave, even if the tears did gather in her eyes.

THEN, at last, came a day when the old letter carrier reined in his horse in front of her home. She ran to the road, and snatched the letter from his hand. The old man shook his head.

Her heart stopped when she saw the letter. It wasn't from Ira. It bore the official letterhead of the War Department. Her fingers trembled so that she could scarcely open it. She ran into the house, to be alone with the baby when she read the message. The letter was from Sergt. Chase's commanding officer.

Sergt. Chase was ill—a patient in an Army hospital at Nashville, Tenn. Desperately ill.

All that night the young wife tossed on her pillow thinking. At dawn she had reached a decision. Speaking aloud to her still sleeping baby, she said: "We're going to make a long, long trip, you and I. We're going to Nashville to help take care of your daddy. He needs us . . ."

THE TRIP to Nashville had been trying. Travel at best was bad; under war conditions it had been still worse. But at last she had reached Nashville, and now she stood before the commanding officer of the Union Army hospital. He was a large man, with a big drooping mustache; stern, but chivalrous.

"I'm sorry, Mrs. Chase," he said, "but regulations are regulations. There's nothing I can

do about it. Your desire to nurse your husband is laudable, even heroic, I might say. But under the regulations you cannot do this thing. Only regular enlisted Army nurses are permitted to work in our wards."

Only Army nurses. "Isn't there any way—even for a little while?"

"Sorry—only Army nurses." He paused. "Lots of men here need nursing care. It's a shame we don't have more nurses."

The long, hard trip had been in vain. "Only Army nurses—lots of men—"

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words beat in her brain. Sick men, wounded men, need care. Ira. Only Army nurses.

Rhoda Chase, Army nurse. Why not? Yet, there was the baby. Surely there would be some way.

"How do I go about enlisting as a nurse?" she asked tentatively.

The officer blinked. "What's that? . . ."

Rhoda Chase, Army nurse, was assigned to a big, white-washed room, filled with sick and wounded men, men far

away from their homes. Sergt. Ira Joy Chase was one of her patients, but he was only one of the many men who needed comfort and cheer, needed her help in writing letters or reading messages from home as well as nursing care.

SHE TOOK a grim joy in her work. But then came a fresh tragedy to the heroic young wife. The baby died. Somehow she managed to hold back her own grief, ministering to her soldier patients.

Finally their war days were over. Husband and wife traveled back home. But tragedy still followed the steps of Rhoda Chase. Just before she was mustered out of service as an Army nurse, she had contracted smallpox. She didn't know she had been exposed to the disease. It struck soon after they arrived home. Smallpox blinded Rhoda Chase. . . .

She spent the next 60 years in blindness. But she adjusted herself to life in the darkness. She reared a family; she was a model minister's wife, for Sergt. Ira Joy Chase became a Christian preacher, came to Indiana and filled charges at Mishawaka, La Porte, Danville and Wabash; she kept house, doing the thousand and one tasks of a housewife. And not only that—

Blind Mrs. Ira Joy Chase became Indiana's No. 1 Lady, because in November, 1891, her husband, Ira Joy Chase, became this state's 21st Governor. The blind Hoosier heroine had helped put him there. ★ ★ ★

THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR MAGAZINE
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9/30/1965

Dear Mrs. Clark,

I was very glad to hear from you, as I am working on a family line and several of generations lived in Terre Haute. This is my husband's family, and we know the names--even have many dates, but have no proofs.

Many years ago a cousin wrote my husband's Mother and gave her her D. A. R. number, saying she might like to join, and also that another cousin--Mercy Johnson--was tracing the Bourne line and when that was completed all would be eligible for the "Mayflower Society" and the "Colonial Daughters". This was in 1929.

My Mother-in-law evidently was not too interested as I have not found any other letters, and now all that generation have passed on.

I have, within the last few years, completed a line of my own family for the Colonial Dames of America, and want to complete this if I can, for our children, one of whom is especially interested in geneology. And I know if I don't do it probably no one ever will--! It is harder each generation.

Mrs. Herbert Knowles of Richmond Va. did my family line for me, and I have asked her about this. I had a letter from her in January saying we must have exact records of his parents, grandparents etc. Since they all lived in Terre Haute I had the bright idea that some of the family there might help me. I wrote to two but never had an answer. Then a geneologist here mentioned the book the Kentucky and Indiana chapters had compiled, so I sent for it, and so in a very round-a-bout way you have come to my rescue. I feel that it will be quicker and easier than for Mrs. Knowles to do it from Washington. Of course the earlier records will have to come from there. So maybe you can help me at the Indiana end.

So here is all I know:

I have birth and marriage certificates of my husband and myself.

His Mother and father were Married in Terre Haute, at the home of her parents, which was called McQuilken Heights. His Father was born in Henderson Ky. but moved to Indiana when a baby. His Mother was born in Terre Haute.

So far as I know Marion McQuilken and Rhoda, his wife always lived in Terre Haute. They had a large farm.

William McQuilken married a Jane Smith. He was part owner of the first bridge over the Wabash River, and had the first strip mine and stone quarry.

His father was Samuel, and his wife was Waitstill Mercy Chase. They came to Indiana in 1816 and operated an inn.

Now the cousin who gave us all this information was a granddaughter of Mercy, and had proven her line for the D. A. R. Her number is 227987. I did not find this in the

little book, so I suppose she joined in some other state. So as I see it I must get our line up to Samuel and Mercy. I call her Mercy as there was an "Aunt Mercè" in the family.

Oren McQuilken should have a family Bible, if any one has, but he did not answer my letter. And there is another relative, Leonard Briggs Marshall. He did not reply either. So they may not have any information, and I feel ~~couldnt~~ care less.

But since all these were landowners I feel that we can find proofs of births marriages and deaths.

I was so lucky in proving my line. We struck an already established line. Wouldn't it be miraculous if your information on Abraham would work out that way!

Even if we cant prove one came over on the Mayflower, to establish this line will give my daughter another line for the D. A. Rs.

I have a very interesting little article on Terre Haute 's early days from a newspaper, written by a Mr. Markle, and it mentions that Samuel McQuilken was one of the founders of the first Masonic Lodge in Terre Haute.

I know all this takes time. After considering all I have given you, do you think you might have a general idea of the cost? I want it done, unless the cost is very much. Up to fifty dollars please go ahead with it--if more please let me know first.

Sincerely

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Texas-

If you have no use for the Xerox copy please return it - but if you do, you may have it -

The Harmonian - my new might mean something to you that is the way my Col. James line worked out - We were working on another when a genealogist recognized a name in a marriage - & there it was -

William Mays Patchiffe

B 1/16/1870

Henderson Ky

M 1/3/1898

Terre Haute Ind -

D 5/3/1939

San Antonio Texas

Frederine M^c Guilkin

B 2/13/1871

Terre Haute Ind -

D 12/23/1950 San Antonio Texas

Meriam M^c Guilkin

B 7/5-1841

M 1/10/1866

D 12/8/1900

Rhoda Mayhew

B 9/7/1844

D 9/18/1921

W^m M^c Guilkin

B 2/20/1811

M 9/27/1846

D 8/12/1876

owned 1st ship mine & Quarry
Part owner of 1st Wagon bridge over
Wabash at T. H. -

Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery

Jane Smith

Samuel M^c Guilkin

B

1776

near Martinsburg W. Va. - also lived in

M 4/30/1810

Cincinnati O. - Came to Ind. 1816 - operated an

Inn

Walnut Hills, near Cincinnati

D - 3/3/1849

Buried at Woodlawn Cemetery - Terre Haute

Wittill Mercy Chese

B

1795

in Martha's Vineyard - then lived at
Walnut Hills, near Cincinnati - Her father owned this

D 12/15-1846

Abraham Chese

B

12/4/1756

M 11/5-1778

D 10/16/1832

Buried Springhill Cemetery - Cincinnati O

Elyabeth Bonner
2- Filmore mess

Samuel M^cQuilken
 1778 - d. 4/5/1810
 M 4/30/1815
 Waitstill Mercy Chase
 1795 - d. 12/15/1848
 W^m M^cQuilken
 2/20/1816
 8/12/1876
 M 1840
 Marion M^cQuilken
 7/5-1841
 M 1/10/1866
 Jane Smith
 1/20/1821
 4/6/1868

Rhoda Mayhew
 11/7/1844
 11/18/1921

Abraham Chase of Martha's Vineyard
 12/9/175-6 10/16/1832
 Elizabeth Bowne
 of Hilmouth-Mass-

Waitstill Mercy Chase
 was the grandmother of
 Florence Briggs Walsh
 and also our ancestor -
 Florence's I R number
 is 227987 - So we have
 to trace each generation
 up to Mercy Chase -

Rhoda Mayhew [Franklin Mayhew 1807-1892]
 [Clarissa Richmond]
 [Hannah Harriman 1780]
 [Wm Mayhew 1772-186?]
 [Peter Mayhew 1757 in France]
 [? Thompson]
 [Mrs. Harriman 1744]
 [John Harriman 1705-1753]
 [Gene Bailey 1706-1843]
 [Jonathan Harriman 1657]
 [Mary Stithers 1676]
 [Edward Harriman 1691]

Muriel McDuck

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